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Utah Highway Patrol Weekly Report

Memorial Weekend

The Utah Highway Patrol focused their enforcement efforts this Memorial Day weekend on impaired drivers, seat belts and motorcycle safety. Troopers also participated in several DUI checkpoints across the state in an effort to keep Utah's highways safe during this busy travel period. This Memorial weekend we are glad and proud to announce that no fatalities occurred on our highways during one of the deadliest holiday weekends.

Sixty-seven individuals have died on Utah roads this year. Several of these fatalities could have been prevented through proper seat belt use, safe and attentive driving, and wearing a helmet. Nearly half of those who have lost their lives this year were not properly restrained. Holiday weekend deaths are a concern because of the increased death rate due to possible risk factors such as fatigue, impaired driving, long distance traveling, speeding and traveling on unfamiliar roadways.

We want to thank all of our troopers who participated during checkpoints and all of you who were out enforcing the law and educating the public. We made a difference.

DUI / Section 16 Weekly Report



During the week of May 24, 2010 through May 30, 2010 the Section 16 compiled the following Stats

DUI Arrest	37
Not A Drop	1
Metabolite	1
Alcohol Restricted	5
Minor in Possession	2
Ignition Interlock	0
Drug Related Arrests	17
Open Container Violation	1
Total Vehicle Stops	260

Criminal Interdiction



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On Saturday May 29, 2010, a state trooper made a stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Salt Lake County for traffic offense. During the course of the traffic stop, the trooper became suspicious of criminal activity after two males inside the vehicle made conflicting statements in regards to their travel plans and their behavior was not consistent with the innocent motoring public. Subsequently, the trooper searched the vehicle and located 4 pounds of high grade marijuana.

On May 31 at 2200 hours a UHP corporal stopped a passenger vehicle for traffic offense at mile marker 111 I-80. He made contact with three occupants. He immediately smelled the odor of burned MJ coming from inside the vehicle. He deployed his K-9 and indicated on the trunk during the records check. The corporal located a pound of marijuana in trunk. One of the subjects took off on foot but was later arrested at a local convenience store in Salt Lake City.

Fatal Crashes



Preliminary Data for 2010 Fatalities on Utah Roads (May 26, 2010)

The year to date total as of May 26, 2010 is 67 deaths.

The year to date total for 2009 through May 26 was 88 deaths. The year to date total for 2008 through May 26 was 70 deaths.

Of the 67 deaths so far this year, preliminary data shows*:

41 (61%) deaths in rural areas

31 (46%) deaths to unrestrained occupants

26 (39%) deaths in urban areas

19 (28%) deaths due to a speeding driver

13 (19%) deaths due to drivers crossing centerline/median and colliding head-on with oncoming traffic (11 from losing control, 2 from improper passing)

11 (16%) deaths due to driver losing control and running off road

10 (15%) deaths due to impaired driving (7 deaths from drunk driver, 3 deaths from drug-impaired driver)

6 (9%) deaths to teenagers

5 (7%) deaths to motorcyclists (3 were not wearing a helmet)

5 (7%) deaths to pedestrians

5 (7%) deaths due to driver turning directly in front of another vehicle

4 (6%) deaths due to driver running stop sign

4 (6%) deaths to people stopped for a previous crash

3 (4%) deaths to children age 12 years and under

2 (3%) deaths due to distracted driver

2 (3%) deaths due to drowsy/asleep driver

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On Friday June 4, 2010, a UHP trooper was involved in a pursuit in Section 6, Utah County. The incident started in Orem at a store where a male suspect went inside and did not pay. He then gets into a vehicle, tells the owner Satan made him do it and takes off. Dispatch receives the call and a trooper spots the vehicle on I-15 in Payson. He attempts to stop the vehicle but the male suspect failed to stop. At approximately 1000 West and 800 South, the trooper conducts a PIT maneuver and spins the vehicle out of control. The vehicle impacts a parked vehicle and comes to a stop. The suspect exited through the passenger side and fails to comply with the trooper's commands. He kept saying he was a man of God and refused to comply. The trooper deployed his taser gun after multiple commands and was able to place the suspect under arrest.



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